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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF FREELY VARYING ASPECT
RATIO, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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